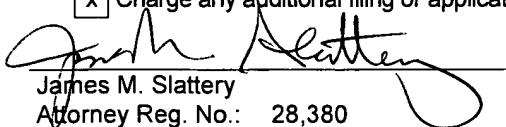
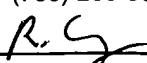




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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2006, the following remarks
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